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 Honorable Melvin Price  
 Chairman, Subcommittee on  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I refer to your letter of 29 March 1956, requesting the designation of a Central Intelligence Agency witness to appear before your Subcommittee on Research and Development during its coming hearings on the scientific manpower situation.

This Agency will be happy to cooperate with your Subcommittee in every way possible. I am sure you will appreciate, however, that the responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency pertain only to foreign developments and do not include coverage of domestic situations.

If you desire a briefing on our estimate of Soviet or other foreign scientific manpower developments, I will be pleased to designate an Agency representative to appear before your committee. I note that it is your intention to conduct public hearings on this matter, which would mean that certain aspects of the situation, particularly with regard to the Soviet Union, would have to be deleted from the presentation, or alternatively, furnished to the Subcommittee in executive session. In this connection, General  to whom you refer in your letter, has not been involved in studies of this problem for some time. I would prefer, therefore, to designate another Agency representative to give any briefing which your Subcommittee desires.

I will await further word from you as to your wishes in this matter.

*Jark*  
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Sincerely,

*Hand carried by  
Legation Counsel*

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